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In re Patent Application of:

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Application No.: 10/520,545 Confirmation No.: 9288

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For: Use of Water-Absorbent, Predominantly Open-

Celled Crosslinked Acid-Functional Addition

Polymer Foams in Hygiene Articles

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is a response to the Office Action of December 5, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Claims on File are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.